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Question: What is the most important housing issue to address in your community?

- Pushing families out of their neighborhoods
- Father figures
- Healing cultural differences/bridging the gap
- Homelessness
- Pricing
- Gang related activity around the housing
- Home cleanliness (too many drug houses)
- Language barriers
- Homelessness
- Pricing (High rent, mortgage and utility)
- Gangs in and around community and households

Question: Who would be affected most by rising rents and home process? Who should be trying to help people who are being displaced as a new development follows the opening of light rail?

- Light Rail next to homes. (Is it going to be running all night? Is it going to bring more transients around our neighborhood? How loud is it going to be?)
- (Affect) African Americans
- (Affect) the community
- (Affect) Students
- (Affect) Any and Everyone
- (Affect) "I'm not informed on the Light Rail. I think it will affect everyone, really"
- I don't know much about it – are buses still going to be running by the line?
- (Affect) poorer families with lower incomes
- (Affect) Large low income families
- (Affect) Renters and potential home owners
- (Affect) Lower and Middle Class
- (Help) Government
- (Help) Project developers/organizers
- (Help) ourselves
- (Help) Businesses near the light rail
- Light Rail next to homes – is it going to raise housing process near the line? Will it be safe?
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Question: What types of goods, services, and employment would you like to see near the transit stations, in your local business community and accessible to the community?

- Hotlines for youth
- More hands on programs
- Other extra activities other than sports
- Parks, more green grassy areas and art sculptures
- Less family-fun "mini-marts"
- Noticeable employment centers
- Jobs with scheduling that fits teenagers

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- More mainstream clothing stores
- More clothing stores
- Extremely nice library/learning center
- More programs that relate directly to the youth in our community
- A place where you can build a hobby
- New and improved parks and recreation areas
- We need less corner stores!

Question: How do you use the parks and community centers in the city and what parks do you go to? If you don't go to parks, what change would you make in order to use the parks?

- (Use) Walk dog
- (Use) meet up with friends
- (Use) play sports
- (Use) Peace picnics
- High Point Community Center
- Rainier Community Center
- Rotary Boys & Girls Club
- Seward Park
- Van Asselt Community Center
- Need more water attractions (like in Renton)
- More basketball courts like Van Asselt (glass hoops/color court)
- More community involved events

Question: What services are important to you as your neighborhood grows?

- Teen safe havens (different from the average community centers)
- More youth, drug and alcohol treatment/awareness centers
- More youth services
- Youth community crime prevention
- Employment
- Youth bilingual center
- Youth groups that understand teenagers
- Groups with fun learning activities
- Youth gang prevention services